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ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION

APRIL 2, 2001
12:15 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL

- 1. Call to Order--Roll Call.** (Council Members Harris and White were absent.)

A report of the City Attorney requesting a Closed Meeting to consult with legal counsel on a matter of pending litigation, pursuant to Section 2.1-344 (A)(7), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended. **(Approved 5-0)**
File #83-132

A communication from the City Manager requesting a Closed Meeting to discuss the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, where discussion in open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the City, pursuant to Section 2.1-344 (A)(3), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended. **(Approved 5-0)**
File #2-132

A communication from the City Manager requesting a Closed Meeting to discuss the disposition of publicly held property, pursuant to Section 2.1-344 (A)(3), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended. **(Approved 5-0)**
File #2-132

A communication from the Honorable Ralph K. Smith, Mayor, requesting a Closed Meeting to discuss vacancies on various authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council, pursuant to Section 2.1-344 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended. **(Approved 5-0)**
File #110-132

**AT 1:55 P.M., THE MEETING OF ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL WAS
DECLARED IN RECESS TO BE RECONVENED AT 2:00 P.M.**



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1. Call to Order--Roll Call. (All Present)

The Invocation was delivered by Council Member C. Nelson Harris.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mayor Ralph K. Smith.

Welcome. Mayor Smith.

NOTICE:

Meetings of Roanoke City Council are televised live on RVTv Channel 3. Today's meeting will be replayed on Channel 3 on Thursday, April 5, 2001, at 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, April 7, 2001, at 4:00 p.m. Council meetings are now being offered with closed captioning for the hearing impaired.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT MEMBERS OF COUNCIL RECEIVE THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AND RELATED COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, ETC., ON THE THURSDAY PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR REVIEW OF INFORMATION. CITIZENS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING A COPY OF ANY ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA MAY CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, ROOM 456, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 215 CHURCH AVENUE, S. W., OR CALL 853-2541.

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ALL PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ARE REQUESTED TO REGISTER WITH THE STAFF ASSISTANT WHO IS LOCATED AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE COUNCIL CHAMBER. ON THE SAME AGENDA ITEM, ONE TO FOUR SPEAKERS WILL BE ALLOTTED FIVE MINUTES EACH, HOWEVER, IF THERE ARE MORE THAN FOUR SPEAKERS, EACH SPEAKER WILL BE ALLOTTED THREE MINUTES.

PRESENTATIONS:

**Proclamation declaring the week of April 8 - 14 as National Telecommunicator's Week; and a resolution recognizing the Roanoke Public Safety Telecommunicator of the Year 2001 in the City's 911 Communications Center.
Adopted Resolution No. 35256-040201. (7-0)
File #3-80-262**

Proclamation declaring the month of April 2001 as Fair Housing Month.
File #3-178

2. CONSENT AGENDA

(Approved 7-0)

ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE BY THE MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THE ITEMS. IF DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

- C-1 Minutes of the regular meeting of Roanoke City Council held on Monday, March 19, 2001, and the reconvened meeting on Monday, March 26, 2001.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Dispense with the reading thereof and approve as recorded.

- C-2 A communication from Mary S. Neal tendering her resignation as the City Manager's designee to the Cultural Services Committee, effective immediately.
File #110-394

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file the communication and accept the resignation.

- C-3 Qualification of the following persons:

Kermit E. Hale as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals to fill the unexpired term of Sydnor W. Brizendine, Jr., deceased, ending December 31, 2001; and
File #15-51-110

Michael W. Ridenhour as a member of the Roanoke Neighborhood Partnership Steering Committee for a term ending November 30, 2003.

File #15-110-488

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

REGULAR AGENDA

Selection of persons to be accorded the public interview for Roanoke City School Board Trustee on Thursday, April 19, 2001, at 4:00 p.m., for terms commencing July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2004. Applicants are:

Gary M. Bowman
Melvin W. Garrett
Melinda J. Payne
William E. Skeen
Ruth C. Willson

Council unanimously voted to publicly interview the abovenamed persons.

File #467

3. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

- a. Request of the Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce to address Council with regard to Victory Stadium. Bruce Wood, Vice-Chair, Public Policy and Strategic Issues, Spokesperson.

Received and filed.

File #99-122

- b. Request to present the Roanoke Regional Airport 2001-02 proposed Operating and Capital Purchase Budget, and proposed capital expenditures. Jacqueline L. Shuck, Executive Director, Spokesperson.

Adopted Resolution No. 35257-040201. (7-0)

File #9-60

4. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. A communication from Council Member William D. Bestpitch, City representative to the New River Valley Commerce Park Participation Committee, with regard to purchasing additional shares in the Commerce Park project.

**Inasmuch as there are other jurisdictions that have an interest in purchasing the shares, Council voted to stay within the current share ownership of 10,000 and not purchase its pro rata portion of additional shares, thereby allowing additional shares to adhere to other interested jurisdictions. The City Attorney was requested to correspond with the New River Valley Commerce Park Participation Committee stating the City's position.
File #450**

5. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

- a. CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS: None.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

1. A communication recommending appropriation of \$50,000.00 in connection with the Fifth District Employment and Training Consortium.

**Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 35258-040201. (7-0)
File #60-246**

2. A communication recommending acceptance of a grant from the Library of Virginia, in the amount of \$13,000.00, for a computer lab in the Main Library; and appropriation of funds in connection therewith.

**Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 35259-040201 and
Resolution No. 35260-040201. (7-0)
File #60-236-323**

3. A communication recommending execution of a subgrant agreement with the Northwest Neighborhood Environmental Organization for administration of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for fiscal year 2000-01, for development of the Fifth Street Gateway Project.

Adopted Resolution No. 35261-040201. (7-0)
File #165-236

4. A communication recommending authorization to enter into a 2000-01 Agreement with the City of Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority, in connection with infrastructure improvements associated with the Lincoln 2000 HOPE VI Community Revitalization Program Project; and appropriation of \$347,000.00 in connection therewith.

Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 35262-040201 and Resolution No. 35263-040201. (7-0)
File #60-178

5. A communication recommending appropriation of \$624,000.00 in connection with the Roanoke River Flood Reduction Project.

Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 35264-040201. (7-0)
File #60-237

6. A communication recommending appropriation of \$34,790.00 in connection with infrastructure improvements for the Foot Levelers, Inc. Project.

Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 35265-040201 and Ordinance No. 35266-040201. (7-0)
File #60-207-450

At 2:35 p.m., the meeting was declared in recess for continuation of a closed session.

At 3:40 p.m., the meeting reconvened in the City Council Chamber.

7. A communication recommending designation of the former Norfolk Southern passenger rail station located on Shenandoah Avenue across from The Hotel Roanoke as the official depot for light rail service through the City.

Adopted Resolution No. 35267-040201. (7-0)

The City Clerk was instructed to forward a letter to the Passenger Rail Service Committee acknowledging the Committee's work.

**Council Member White requested that the matter of state funding for passenger rail service be referred to the Legislative Committee for discussion in connection with the City's proposed 2002 Legislative Program.
File #110-223-533**

b. **DIRECTOR OF FINANCE:**

1. Financial report for the month of February 2001.

**Received and filed.
File #1-10**

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

- a. A report of the committee appointed to study restructuring of Council-Appointed boards and commissions. Vice-Mayor William H. Carder, Chair.

**Council concurred in the recommendations and referred the report to the City Attorney for preparation of the proper measures.
File #110-132**

- b. A report of the Water Resources Committee recommending that the City Manager be authorized to acquire all needed property rights in connection with the Airport Road Signalization Project. Linda F. Wyatt, Chair.

Adopted Ordinance No. 35268-040201. (7-0)
File #2-9-467

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

8. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

- a. Ordinance No. 35242, on second reading, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2000-2001 General Fund Appropriations. (Fund appropriations for the Capital Maintenance and Equipment Replacement Program.)

Adopted Ordinance No. 35242-040201. (6-1, Council Member Wyatt voted no.)
File #60-270

- b. Ordinance No. 35253, on second reading, rezoning a portion of those certain parcels of real property located at 4425 and 4431 Northwood Drive, N. W., and a portion of that certain parcel of land located at 2032 Peters Creek Road, from RS-3, Residential Single Family District, to C-2, General Commercial District, subject to certain proffered conditions.

Adopted Ordinance No. 35253-040201. (6-1, Council Member Bestpitch voted no.)
File #51

- c. Ordinance No. 35254, on second reading, rezoning a tract of land partially fronting on a portion of Baldwin Avenue, N. E. (8 lots), and additional property fronting on a portion of Edmund Avenue (16 lots), from LM, Light Manufacturing District, to HM, Heavy Manufacturing District, subject to certain conditions proffered by the applicant.

Adopted Ordinance No. 35254-040201. (7-0)
File #51

9. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

- a. Inquiries and/or comments by the Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Members of City Council.

Adopted Resolution No. 35269-040201 changing the time of commencement of the regular meeting of City Council scheduled to be held at 12:15 p.m., on Monday, April 16, 2001. (7-0)
File #132

Adopted Resolution No. 35270-040201 changing the time of commencement of the regular meeting of City Council scheduled to be held at 12:15 p.m., on Monday, May 21, 2001. (7-0)
File #132

Adopted Resolution No. 35271-040201 changing the time of commencement of the regular meeting of City Council scheduled to be held at 12:15 p.m., on Monday, June 18, 2001. (7-0)
File #132

- b. Vacancies on various authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council.

10. OTHER HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

CITY COUNCIL SETS THIS TIME AS A PRIORITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD. IT IS A TIME FOR CITIZENS TO SPEAK AND A TIME FOR COUNCIL TO LISTEN. MATTERS REQUIRING REFERRAL TO THE CITY MANAGER WILL BE REFERRED, WITHOUT OBJECTION, IMMEDIATELY, FOR ANY NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE RESPONSE, RECOMMENDATION OR REPORT TO COUNCIL.

At 4:15 p.m., the meeting was declared in recess for continuation of the closed session.

At 4:45 p.m., the meeting reconvened in the Council Chamber.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION. (7-0)

The following persons were appointed/reappointed to certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees:

William R. Dandridge as a member of the Mill Mountain Advisory Committee for a term ending June 30, 2001.

File #15-67

Alfred T. Dowe, Jr., Robert B. Manetta and Richard A. Rife as members of the City Planning Commission for terms ending December 31, 2004.

File #15-110-200

Bob Caudle as a member of the Roanoke Neighborhood Partnership Steering Committee for a term ending November 30, 2003.

File #15-110-488

Gail Burruss as a member of the Advisory Board of Human Development for a term ending November 30, 2004.

File #15-72-110